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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Members Present

Brown, R.N., Lana – Emergency Nurses' Association
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedic Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies Comm.
– Fifth District
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities
Griffiths, Jack – Third District
Jobes, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Rudnick, R.N., Sharon – Healthcare Assoc. S.D/Imp. Co.
Taylor, R.N., Janie – Second District
Turnbull, Susy – American Red Cross
Yokley, Richard – First District

Vacant

Emergency Physicians' Society
Fourth District
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society

Recording Secretary

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Adams, Chief Gary - S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Benitez, Eustacio – Binational EMCC
Berthiaume, R.N., Shelley – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Fried, Bruce
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Papp, Lt. Dan – Law Enforcement Agencies

Guests Present

Marcano, Hector – Priority One Ambulance
Sise, R.N., J.D., Beth – Scripps Mercy
Sise, M.D., Mike – Scripps Mercy
Smith, Dennis – American Medical Response
Van Horn, M.D., Pamela

Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri
Marcotte, R.N., Annie
Vilke, M.D., Gary

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Fried, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Richard Yokley, Seconded by Jack Griffiths, to approve the Minutes of April 24, 2003 as submitted. MOTION carried.

Chief Darrell Jobes abstained as he wasn't able to attend the last meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS FOR ACTION

A. Disaster/Operations and Planning

- The subcommittee met on April 25, 2003. Chief Darrell Jobes was elected as Chair and Jack Griffiths as Vice-Chair.
- The subcommittee is in the process of reviewing and re-writing the Annex D document. Hopefully some changes will be ready for review by the next subcommittee meeting in September. The San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council will be involved in the re-write as well, beginning with their July, 2003 monthly meeting.
- Approximately 250 people have been vaccinated for smallpox in San Diego County recently. CCT and EMS transport people have yet to be vaccinated. The Ambulance Association will be providing EMS with numbers of people that can be vaccinated soon.

B. Prehospital/Hospital

Did not meet.

C. Education/Research

Did not meet.

D. Base Hospital Physicians' Committee

Gary Vilke, M.D., County EMS, discussed the following subjects:

- Q.A. Net Upgrade is continuing on schedule to begin operation on Monday, August 4, 2003. Training will be going on in July at County EMS.
- EMS Games: Should have a date within the next week or two.
- Improved Patient Destination Trial: Monthly reports are continuing. Hours of bypass

are continuing to decrease. Patients being transported to requested facilities are happening on a much more regular basis. The next meeting of the EMS Oversight Committee is Friday, July 25, 2003, 9:30 a.m. at the San Diego County Medical Society.

- Recommendations from the Trauma Assessment Study: is in the early phases of review and implementation.
- EMS System Assessment: will be conducted at some point in the future.
- Nurse/Patient Ratio: Janie Taylor, R.N. added: Changes in the nurse/patient ratio will be occurring January 1, 2004 and the EMCC will need to review the impact of this on hospitals before it takes effect. **ACTION: Place on the EMCC agenda for an upcoming meeting, probably September, 2003.**

E. Executive Committee

Did not meet.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Board Letter: Designation of Scripps Mercy Hospital as Level I Trauma Center: Mike Sise, M.D., Scripps Mercy Trauma Department, discussed how Scripps Mercy is now in its' 20th year of service as a trauma center. Over the years, Scripps Mercy has evolved to do extra things to move into the realm of a Level One trauma facility. UCSD is the only other adult Level One. Some programs that have been developed in that area include the Binational Mexican Mini Trauma Fellowship, U.S. Navy Resident Trauma Training Program, U.S. Navy Physicians Assistant Trauma Training Program and the U.S. Navy Nurse Trauma Training Program. Scripps Mercy has also developed numerous trauma injury prevention programs. In the next six months, Scripps Mercy will have achieved Level One status from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as well.

MOTION by Chief Darrell Jobes, Seconded by Jack Griffiths, to approve the Scripps Mercy Board Letter Designation from Level Two to Level One. MOTION carried.

Board Letter: Exemption from Spare Wheel Requirement for Ambulances: Approves the request for all ambulances including Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Richard Yokley, to approve the Exemption from Spare Wheel Requirement for Ambulances Board Letter. MOTION carried.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORT

No report.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS